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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING DC-SIGN BLOCKERS AND  
 METHODS OF USING DC-SIGN BLOCKERS FOR PREVENTING  
 OR TREATING DISEASES OF A MAMMAL, INCLUDING VIRAL  
 INFECTIONS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 91 pages, including 15 independent claims and 80 claims total.
2. Drawings- Seven (7) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-7).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	80	-	20	60 x \$18	1,080.00
Independent Claims	15	-	3	12 x \$86	1,032.00
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4. A check for \$2,882.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on  
Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/423,581, filed November 5, 2002 and 60/425,324  
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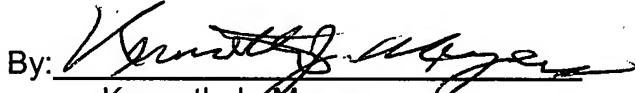
This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon  
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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and  
any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application  
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